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on any further. The issues that we're confronted with when we deal with financial issues of the state are very They're so complex that we have two committees that look at these issues, the Appropriations Committee and the Revenue Committee and we have a very difficult time at times understanding the complex financial issues and how to come at grips with them, how to reconcile differences when they appear here on the floor. I would submit to this body that the common citizen is in a worse predicament when it comes to understanding those issues and that's why they elect us and that's why we serve 60, 90 days annually in the Legislature. But I'd like to raise one question here. If you would turn to the Journal to page 270 where the proposition that is implied by LR 19 is stated for the public, how it will be written on the ballot for the public, you will soon understand that they'll have little knowledge about the complexities of taxes and the financial problems of the state. I'd just like to read to you what the citizen will be asked to respond to and I think you could understand what the eventual outcome will be, the proposition to be placed on the ballot is in the following form, Constitutional amendment to limit the amount of revenue collected by the State of Nebraska for or against, that's it. I don't think that that proposition appeals to reason, to understanding the history of Nebraska's financial problems. I don't believe it comes to grip in any, grips with them in any way, shape, or form. I think there'd be mass confusion about what the proposition implied but there's no doubt in my mind what the simple response would be, as anyone would be.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR WIITALA: If you were asked to answer yes or no to this proposition on a ballot, here in the Chamber on the ballot on election day on a radio or TV show, the common sense answer seems to be yes, I favor limiting the amount of revenue collected by the State of Nebraska, and not giving much consideration to what that implied. I would hope this body would see fit to vote in favor of this kill motion. To do otherwise would do an awful lot less for the State of Nebraska. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the indefinite postponement of LR 19. All those in favor of postponing it vote aye, opposed nay. Simple majority. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, I'm going to ask for a Call of the House.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is shall the House go under Call.